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Honorable James M. Jeffords  
United States Senate  
530 Dirksen Building  
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Dear Senator Jeffords:

This is in reply to your letter of February 3, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

*Edward R. Jacobs*

*Ed* Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
Private Radio Bureau

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February 3, 1993

Mrs. Lou Sizemore  
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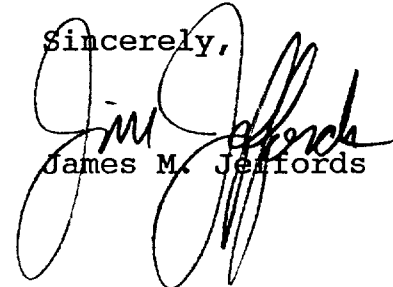
Dear Mrs. Sizemore:

It has come to my attention that you are currently considering PR Docket 92-235, a rule that would replace the existing Part 90 with a new Part 88. Currently, Part 90 allows for the safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10Khz spacing between fixed commercial users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The proposed Part 88 would limit existing frequencies open to the R/C enthusiasts, allowing mobile users to use frequencies within 2.5 Khz. Ultimately, this means that the remaining frequencies open for use will become congested, thus decreasing the amount of safety ensured to people who use or are in the vicinity of R/C use.

There are many people who have an avid interest in flying R/C models, and the proposed docket would infringe on their enjoyment. Therefore, I ask that the FCC reevaluate the proposal to incorporate Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 Band. Please keep me informed of any progress that might occur on this matter.

Thank you, in advance, for your attention to my concern.

Sincerely,



James M. Jeffords

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